

May 2016 Council Corner

We have hit that time of year where things start to slow down for many of us. Some head out to the lake. Others take that long-awaited vacation. A few of us choose to spend our precious time with our families. Historically, the summer months of June, July, and August typically see a downturn in the amount of weekly giving. Please remember that your church does not take vacations. I urge you to stay consistent in your amount of giving throughout the summer. Hope Lutheran operates on a shoestring budget with very little margin of error. We have done a very good job of staying fiscally responsible up to this point of the year. Our church can only stay on this current track if the giving stays the same.

The main point of discussion at our recent council meeting centered around the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed several years ago when Hope Lutheran and Babbitt Evangelical agreed to share a pastor. With Pastor Evelyn's change in service and compensation with our church, we needed to tweak this document in order to reflect these changes. Most of these changes were minor in nature and grant us more flexibility just in case circumstances change within our shared ministry.

Members will notice some changes at Hope Lutheran this summer. A few of these may be very noticeable. A few of these may go almost unnoticed. The council hopes to have the hand pump installed on the well before the start of vacation bible school. We also will look at extending the reach of our speakers within the gathering area in order to help our members with auditory issues hear more clearly during church services. Finally, the monumental effort will take place with the moving of our bookkeeper's office from the front of the church to the back of the church. This may involve new carpeting, painting, rerouting of electrical wires, and some heavy lifting. If you would like to lend a hand or know someone who would like to lend a hand, please do not hesitate to contact the church.

In closing, I would like to send out a number of thank you's to the following members and/or groups:

- Barbara & Larry Kupka for donating the hand pump for the well.
- Everyone who helped make the Tea Social/Membership Appreciation Sunday a success.

The council and all the members of church appreciate your efforts. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to lend a hand. Our church could not function without great, caring people like you.

May God grant you peace until we meet again next month.....

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